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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FLATS MAIL AUTOTRAYER SYSTEM, the specification of which

- is attached hereto.
 was filed on October 23, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/694,653 and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications(s):

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year filed	Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Prior Provisional Application(s):

Application Number	Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S. Application(s):

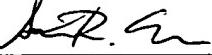
Serial No.

Filing Date

Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of third inventor: Steve Archer

Inventor's signature:  Date: 1-29-03

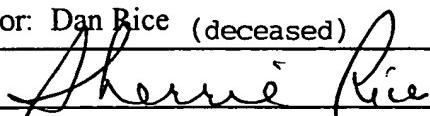
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Citizenship: U.S.A.

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Inventor's signature:



Date:

1/27/03

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Citizenship: U.S.A.

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By Sherrie Rice, wife and legal representative of deceased.

Full name of fifth inventor: Mike Stollenwerck

Inventor's signature: 

Date: 02-11-03

Residence: 513 E. Rockland Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Post Office Address: 513 E. Rockland Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048

Full name of sixth inventor: Mike Ogarek

Inventor's signature: Mike Ogarek

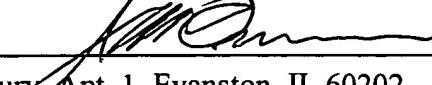
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Residence: 659 W. Aldine, Apt. 2C, Chicago, IL 60657

Citizenship: U.S.A.

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Full name of sole or first inventor: John Overman

Inventor's signature: 

Date: 02/03/03

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Citizenship: U.S.A.

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Full name of second inventor: George Rabindran

Inventor's signature: George Rabindran

Date: 2003 Jan 27

Residence: 4022 W. Lake Estates Drive, Davie, FL 33328

Citizenship: U.S.A.

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To: Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Mr. John Overman

Mr. George Rabindran

Mr. Steve Archer

Mr. Dan Rice

Mr. Mike Stollenwerck

Mr. Mike Ogarek

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

 Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name Other _____

Execution Date: February 12, 2003

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: _____

A. Patent Application No.(s) 09/694,653

B. Patent No.(s) _____

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Charles T. Riggs Jr., Esq.

Internal Address: Patula & Associates P.C.

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

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Charles T. Riggs Jr., Esq.

Name of Person Signing

Signature

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS WE THE ASSIGNORS, Mr. John Overman, Mr. George Rabindran, Mr. Steve Archer, Mr. Dan Rice, Mr. Mike Stollenwerck, and Mr. Mike Ogarek of Evanston, IL, Davie, FL, Des Plaines, IL, Buffalo Grove, IL, Libertyville, IL, and Chicago, IL, respectively, have made a certain new and useful invention as set forth in an application for United States Letters Patent, entitled Flats Mail Autotrayer System, executed by us on the date(s) of execution of this document, as shown below, and for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on October 23, 2000, and identified by United States Serial No. 09/694,653;

AND WHEREAS, Bell & Howell Postal Systems Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware and having an address of 3400 Pratt Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt for and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, We have sold, assigned, transferred or set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto Bell & Howell Postal Systems Inc. (Assignee), its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as set forth in the above-mentioned application, including the right of priority and including any continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues, re-examinations or extensions thereof, and in and to any and all patents of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued for said invention;

UPON SAID CONSIDERATIONS, We hereby agree with the said Assignee that We will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that We will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of said Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuations, continuations-in-part, reexamined, reissued, or extended Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of the assigns and legal representatives of Assignor and Assignee;

AND We hereby grant the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the power to insert on this instrument any further identification that may be necessary or desirable to comply with the recordation rules of any appropriate and competent authority, including, without limitation, the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

AND THE PARTIES HEREBY agree that this Assignment may be executed in two or more counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

AND We request the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said invention to said Assignee, its legal representatives, successors or assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent and the invention covered thereby.

BY ASSIGNEES:

Date

02/03/03

~~Mr. John Overman~~

On this _____ day of _____, 20_____, before me personally appeared _____, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

SEAL

Notary Public

My commission expires

BY ASSIGNORS:

2003 Jan 27
Date

George Rabindran

Mr. George Rabindran

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

) SS:

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BY ASSIGNORS:

1-29-03

Date

Mr. Steve Archer

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) SS:

COUNTY OF _____)

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally _____
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Mr. Mike Stollenwerck

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Mike Ogark
Mr. Mike Ogark

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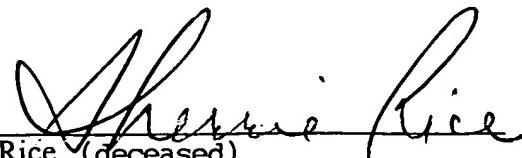
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Mr. Dan Rice (deceased)

By Sherrie Rice, wife and legal representative
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BY ASSIGNEE:

Date: 2/12/03

Bell & Howell Mail and Messaging Technologies Company
Postal Systems Inc.
3400 Pratt Avenue
Lincolnwood, IL 60712
U.S.A.

BY:



PRINTED: Joseph Taylor, Vice President and General Counsel

STATE OF _____

_____) SS:

COUNTY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20_____, before me personally appeared _____, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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